

Amendments to the Specification

Please add the following new heading before paragraph [0001]:

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

Please add the following new heading before paragraph [0002]:

BACKGROUND

Please add the following new heading before paragraph [0005]:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please replace paragraph [0005] with the following amended paragraph:

[0005] The ~~object of the present invention is, therefore, to devise~~ provides a switch-on/switch-off concept for an automotive night vision system which indicates when a successful activation has taken place.

Please replace paragraph [0006] with the following amended paragraph:

[0006] ~~The objective is achieved in accordance with the present invention by a switch-on/switch-off concept having the features set forth in claim 1. Advantageous embodiments and refinements are characterized in the dependent claims.~~ In an exemplary embodiment of the present invention, an automotive night vision system comprises an active infrared illumination, a camera for recording infrared images, an image display for reproducing image information, an evaluator arranged and configured to analyze parameters, to activate the active infrared illumination as a function of the analysis, and a controller, independent of the evaluator, for activating and deactivating the night vision system, wherein the image display is activated and deactivated directly by the controller independently of the analysis of parameters.

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING

Please add the following new paragraph after paragraph [0012]:

[00012.1] An exemplary embodiment of the present invention is clarified in greater detail with reference to the drawing, a block diagram of an automotive night vision system according to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention.

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION

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~~PATENT CLAIMS:~~ WHAT IS CLAIMED IS: